## Jeff Kawar Day

## Presented by Council President Elo-Rivera and Council President Pro Tem Montgomery Steppe January 27, 2022

- WHEREAS, Jeff Kawar has served the City of San Diego for 32 years in numerous capacities including: Economist with the Financial Management

  Department, Assistant Investment Officer with the City Treasurer, Special Districts Program Manager with the Financing Services Division,

  Deputy Director with the Economic Development Department and Supervising Economist with the Debt Management Department; and
- WHEREAS, in 2006, this wealth of experience made Jeff an ideal recruit to join the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) in its first year of existence following the establishment of that Office in a 2004 voter-approved shift from a City Manager form of government to a Strong Mayor/Strong Council form of government; and
- WHEREAS, in his 15 years with the Office of the IBA, Jeff has been committed to its role as a check and balance to the Executive Branch, provided a myriad of unbiased and professional analyses to the Council, and helped ensure that the City Council was a co-equal entity in the City's Strong Mayor/Strong Council form of government; and
- WHEREAS, Jeff's ability to ask numerous and tough questions on all manner of issues, and to provide thoughtful input on many of the City's most challenging issues, is a hallmark that has made him an enormous asset to the Office and the Council; and
- WHEREAS, over his time in the Office of the IBA, Jeff rose to become the Office's Deputy Director and ultimately was appointed the Interim Independent Budget Analyst; his contributions have been a great service to both the City Council in their decision-making process, and the public by translating complicated government jargon into more user-friendly information; and
- WHEREAS, after a long career with the City, Jeff will begin a well-deserved retirement after January 27, 2022, and the City will miss not only Jeff's invaluable expertise in municipal finance and operations and commitment to good governance and transparency, but also his singular sense of humor which has made countless people laugh over the years; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT PROCLAIMED,** by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim **January 27, 2022**, to be "**Jeff Kawar Day"** in the City of San Diego.